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1. CHARGE' DISCUSSED VANCE'S SPEECH WITH FOREIGN AFFAIRS PERM
SEC MASHOLOGU. FOREIGN MINISTER MOLAPO RETURNED TO LESOTHO
FROM LIBREVILLE AND NEW YORK ONLY TODAY UND CHARGE' WAS UNABLE
TO SEE HIM. MASHOLOGU SAID THAT VANCE SPEECH MAKES CLEAR THAT
US POLICY ON SOUTHERN AFRICA AND SOUTH AFRICA IN PARTICULAR
IS VERY CLOSE TO THAT OF GOL. HE EMPHASIZED GOL SATISFACTION
WITH NEW EQUAL TREATMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA "CORE PROBLEM" ALONG
WITH OTHER SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS MF RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA.
HE SAID GOL WAS PLEASED TO NOTE AFFIRMATION THAT US WILL NOT
SUPPORT WHITE MINORITY GOVERNMENTS ON GROUNDS THAT THEY ARE
ANTI-COMMUNIST.

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A. MASHOLOGU SAID HE HAD TWO QUESTIONS WITH RESPECT TO
SOUTHERN AFRICAN POLICY GENERALLY. HE WONDERED WHAT HAD
HAPPENED TO THE "ONE MAN-ONE VOTE" PHRASEOLOGY USED BY VICE
PRESIDENT MONDALE AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING THE
MONDALE-VORSTER TALKS IN VIENNA. HE SAID HE HAD NOTED WHAT
APPEARED TO BE A PREFERENCE ON THE PART OF THE USG AT THIS
STAGE FOR THE PHRASE "FULL PARTICIPATION." CHARGE'

STATED THAT DETAILS OF FINAL SOLUTION IN SOUTH AFRICA WOULD NOT BE SPELLED OUT BY USG. THIS IS MATTER FOR SAG TO WORK OUT FOR ITSELF BUT USG FEELS ANY ULTIMATE FORMULA MUST INCLUDE FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS BY ALL GROUPS.

B. MASHOLOGU SAID HE HAD NOTED US SUPPORT FOR MOZAMBIQUE RESOLUTION IN SECURITY COUNCIL WHICH SEEMS TO ENDORSE MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM ALL QUARTERS FOR MOZAMBIQUE. IN VIEW OF FACT US SUPPORTED RESOLUTION, MASHOLOGU WONDERED WHAT IS US POLICY ON ARMS FOR MOZAMBIQUE IN LIGHT OF SECRETARY'S EMPHASIS ON ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE RATHER THAN ARMS FOR AFRICA. CHARGE' NOTED THAT SECRETARY'S SPEECH DID NOT RULE OUT ENTIRELY ARMS TRANSFERS TO AFRICA OR SPECIFICALLY TO MOZAMBIQUE BUT NOTED ALSO THAT SECRETARY'S SPEECH REFERRED TO ARMS TRANSFER TO AFRICA AS "EXCEPTIONAL TOOL OF OUR POLICY (TO BE) USED ONLY AFTER THE MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION." CHARGE' ALSO NOTED HOUSE-SENATE AGREEMENT THAT NO SSA WOULD BE PROVIDED TO MOZAMBIQUE, ANGOLA, ETC. UNLESS PRESIDENT DECIDED THIS WERE IN US INTEREST. CHARGE' OPINED THAT IF US ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE WERE FORTHCOMING, IT WOULD MOST LIKELY BE IN FORM OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE RATHER THAN MILITARY.

2. IN SUBSEQUENT TALK WITH MINISTER OF INFORMATION LEROTHOLI, CHARGE' WAS AGAIN TOLD THAT NEW US POLICY IS REGARDED AS VERY CLOSE TO GOL POLICY, ESPECIALLY ON SOUTH AFRICA. GOL PARTICULARLY APPRECIATES DEFINITION OF SOUTH AFRICA AS CORE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEM⁹ LEROTHOLI SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED VANCE SPEECH WITH PRIME MINISTER JONATHAN BY TELEPHONE. (PM VACATIONING IN AUSTRIA SINCE CLOSE OF LONDON COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE.) PM HAD NOTED WITH APPROVAL THE EMPHASIS SECRETARY PLACED ON AFFIRMATIVE POLICY WITH RESPECT TO AFRICA AND THAT US ACTIONS WOULD BE TAKEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS AND THAT USG WOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE ITS SOLUTIONS. HE HAD EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH US INTENTION TO APPLY ITS POLICY TO CURRENT ISSUES AND TO AVOID REACTIVE POLICY APPLICATIONS.

A. LEROTHOLI SAID GOL FAVORS DIALOGUE BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND OPPRESSED PEOPLES IN SOUTH AFRICA. HE SAID PM JONATHAN HAD ENUNCIATED THIS LINE IN RECENT YEARS ONLY TO BE BOOED DOWN AND DENOUNCED AS A PUPPET OF SAG. HE SAID THE PRIME MINISTER APPRECIATED THE SECRETARY'S SUPPORT FOR THE CONCEPT OF DIALOGUE WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA BETWEEN VARIOUS COMMUNITIES AND GROUPS TOGETHER WITH GOVERNMENT.

3. LEROTHOLI AND MASHOLOGU WERE PLEASED TO ACCEPT CHARGE'S SUGGESTION THAT COPY OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH COULD BE DELIVERED TO PRIME MINISTER IN AUSTRIA. REQUEST FOR DELIVERY OF COPY

AND ADDRESS OF PM JONATHAN VACATION RESIDENCE IN AUSTRIA WILL
BE FORWARDED SEPTTEL.
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